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CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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BHOPAL GAS VICTIMS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government are aware that a meeting of NGOs was heldat the India International Centre on the 6th July 2002 of the Bhopal Gas victims;

(b)if so, the details thereof and the issues raised in the said meeting; and

(c)the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.S.DHINDSA)

(a) to (c): According to the available information, an NGO `Navdanya`organized a meeting at India International Centre on 6th July, 2002. The meeting was not related to Bhopal gas victims. The main focus of the meeting was on hazardous impact of genetically engineered seeds and crops without putting in place any independent monitoring system or systems of liability and corporate accountability. According to information received from Indian Council of Agricultural Research, the Department ofBiotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology and the Ministry of Environment & Forests, are the concerned ministries for monitoring, evaluation and release of genetically engineered organisms and products into the environment, including experimental field trials. xxxxxx